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3 March 1953

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 3 March 1953

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Richard C. Partridge, Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Department of the Army
Captain Allan L. Reed, acting for the Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy
Commission
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. Loftus E. Becker, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
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Dr. H. M. Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. Howard M. Wiedemann, Department of State
Colonel Gerald F. Lillard, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel D. T. Vanderhoef, Department of the Army
Commander William A. Clark, USN, Department of the Navy
Lieutenant Commander A. B. Grimes, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel T. D. Brown, United States Air Force
Colonel Charles F. Gillis, United States Air Force
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Grant, United States Air Force
Mr. Jonathan N. Gilmore, United States Air Force
Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Colonel Edwin M. Cahill, The Joint Staff
Captain John A. Holbrook, USN, The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 19 February 1953 (IAC-M-96) were approved.

Soviet Capabilities for an Attack on the United States before Mid-1955 (SE-36).

2. Action: Approved as amended.

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* Assistant Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.

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Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Richard F. Stout, acting for the Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,
United States Air Force
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The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,
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Colonel Gerald F. Lillard, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Anderson, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel R. C. Cassibry, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral H. C. Daniel, Department of the Navy
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy
Commander J. A. Meyertholen, Department of the Navy
Colonel Charles F. Gillis, United States Air Force
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force
Colonel C. M. Young, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Grant, United States Air Force
Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Captain John A. Holbrook, USN, The Joint Staff
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Acting Secretary

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Probable Effects on the Soviet
Bloc of Certain Courses of Action
Directed at the Internal and External
Commerce of Communist China (SE-37)

1. Action: Approved as revised. Several members commented on the high degree of cooperation and effort achieved in producing this complex estimate on short notice.

Proposed Estimates for
Latin America

2. Action: Agreed to begin working-level consideration of the four estimates proposed in the Board's memorandum to the IAC of 27 February 1953 (NIE-84, Guatemala; NIE-85, Chile; NIE-86, Brazil; NIE ___, Argentina). It was understood that the proposed target dates were tentative, and that final IAC approval well might not be obtainable by the times suggested.

Stalin's Collapse

3. Mr. Dulles invited comment on the ability of the existing machinery of the Federal intelligence system to respond to crises such as that occasioned by the information of Stalin's illness. There was general agreement that, in this instance, the existing procedures were adequate, it being noted that Agency watch officers were promptly alerted and the President timely advised.

Executive Session

4. At General Porter's request, the Committee met in executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting. It was agreed that the item of information he tabled would be considered as part of the forthcoming SE-39.

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